

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 3 (which include the limitations of claim 2); as a result, claims 1 and 6-8 are allowable. Applicants also amended allowable claim 4 to be in independent form; claim 5 is allowable as well.


Applicants have also amended the claims in line with the Examiner's comments and suggestions on pages 2-4 of the Action. Accordingly, the Examiner should withdraw the objection to claims 1, 6 and 8, the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC 101 and the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Early action allowing claims 1 and 4-8 is solicited.

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